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At the time this action commenced no one anticipated that this case would remain unresolved three and a half years later. The terms of my original agreement to appear were predicated on the assumption that the case might be appealed to the US Supreme Court. However, there was no agreement for continued representation if the case was remanded to either the Ninth Circuit or the district court. When the case was remanded to the Ninth Circuit, I continued representing the clients for the narrow purpose of responding to the Ninth Circuit's July 3, 2008 order for supplemental briefing.

There has been no subsequent agreement for my continued representation of the clients. I personally do not have the time or resources to continue representing the clients for further proceedings without an agreement to reasonable terms for my work. The Libertarian Party of Washington State has indicated that it wishes to continue with the case, and is in the process of locating another attorney to substitute for me. I do not want to compromise the client's interests in the issues before this court due to my inability to effectively represent them.

Accordingly, I am asking for leave to withdraw and, in a companion motion docketed for hearing on December 12, 2008, for continuance of hearing on the dispositive motions filed by the State and the Grange pending identification and appearance of new counsel for the client.

DATED Friday, December 05, 2008, at Tacoma, Washington.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, RICHARD SHEPARD, WSBA # 16194, declare on penalty of perjury under 28 USC 1746, as follows:

On this date I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system that will send notifications of such filing to: James K Pharris, Thomas Ahearne, John White and David McDonald.

DATED Friday, December 05, 2008, at Tacoma, Washington.

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